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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Typically, demand slowed for mid-week, covering the full range, with retail ads and fast food specials having best interest. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared with heavier weights often more available. In the parts structure, trading was active with supplies well balance to tight and frequently held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 to 64.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.50 cents last year on May 15, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE	
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	188.00
BREASTS - B/S	169.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00
LEG QUARTERS	22.50
WINGS	72.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was moderate to good, best for retail ads and fast food promotions, with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to well cleared for immediate needs. Seasonal transportations problems continued, causing delivery difficulties, but increasing need for product. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good due in part to retail specials and renewed interest for export business. Availability was no more than adequate to frequently tight and sought. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes remained in good balance with premiums noted. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were tightly balanced. The remainder of items were closely cleared.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole birds was mostly steady, undertone fully steady. Offerings varied from producers, light overall. Buyer interest was diminished somewhat as current inventories suffice. Movement into all channels was mixed, light to good. Strong promotional activities and areas with multiple and varied consumer attractions noted best demand. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable to instances trending heavier than desired. Supplies of parts were generally in balance for moderate to active call. Offerings of wings were mixed with regular wings available, boneless/skinless breasts and tenderloins were tight, remaining breast items were mixed and leg quarters available. The market tone was steady on regular wings, steady with a firm undertone on remaining items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings of sized product in fairly good balance and confidently held with heavy weight product fully adequate for current needs. Retail demand was fair to fairly good best to cover specials and features. Floor stocks were generally adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on parts.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 05/10/03	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	208,876	211,162	-03
CHICKS PLACED	170.085	172.081	-01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 2003. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 10, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 10, 2003 were 3.17 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 21-Jun-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 160.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.00 CENTS PER POUND.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	917	149.00-240.00	150-155	154.46
TENDERLOINS	231	142.00-200.00	148-152	154.01
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	85.00-89.00	88-89	88.67
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	23.00-37.00	24-25	25.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	19.00-22.00	20-21	20.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,075	18.00-24.00	22-23	21.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	64.00-72.00	-	71.01
WINGS (CUT)	886	60.00-85.00	77-80	77.33
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	917	152.00-240.00	152-155	155.16
TENDERLOINS	241	142.00-200.00	143-150	152.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	163	87.00-92.00	87-90	88.97
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	24.00-37.00	25-26	26.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	606	19.00-22.00	21-22	21.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,235	20.00-25.00	23-24	23.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	64.00-73.00	-	69.48
WINGS (CUT)	533	77.00-85.00	80-83	81.43
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-51.00	-	38.65
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
47.75 - 51.00	49.38

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 51.00	49.62	48.75

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate during midweek trading with dealers noting closely balanced supply lines across the board. Offerings of breast items were tight with premiums noted. Dark meat cuts were clearing well at full market values. Wings and tenderloins remained balanced. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone continued fully steady to instances firm.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES MAY 13, 2003

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	159.70	482,750
TENDERLOINS	145	145.39	101,550
BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	94.04	167,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	92.40	104,200
LEGS	33-34	36.81	130,220
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.95	516,575
DRUMSTICKS	24-25	29.27	157,272
THIGHS	26-27	35.39	61,250
B/S THIGHS	63-64	64.67	65,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	71.36	166,370
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	33,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	24.71	15,945
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.22	23,854

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170	162.88	305,130
TENDERLOINS	145-150	147.82	106,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	94.81	141,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.63	121,320
LEGS	34-35	37.75	102,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	23.15	479,054
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	32.99	97,750
THIGHS	27-28	36.58	64,260
B/S THIGHS	63-64	65.40	73,940
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66	70.84	155,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	27,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.85	11,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.51	15,120

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	05/14	05/13	05/12	05/09	05/12	05/09	05/07	05/05		
ALA	4,022	4,015	3,975	3,886	5.21	4.99	3,830	5.26		
ARK	5,183	5,091	5,160	4,839	5.10	4.84	4,879	5.18		
DELMARVA	2,379	2,364	2,296	2,062	5.18	5.10	2,345	5.17		
KY-LA-TN	1,952	1,957	1,935	2,134	4.94	4.71	1,937	4.85		
MISS	2,886	2,970	2,968	2,903	5.26	5.17	2,898	5.34		
NC	2,470	2,610	2,534	2,659	6.07	6.08	2,451	6.26		
TEXAS	2,459	2,478	2,417	2,741	5.00	4.90	2,457	5.04		
TOTAL	21,351	21,485	21,285	21,278	5.24	5.09	20,797	5.30		
MON-WED	64,400(A)						62,487(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-May 03 and is estimated to be 31,943,000 up 2.36 percent from a week ago and up 2.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,208,000; last year 31,256,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	96-99
	DRY PACK	103-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-MAY-03

	CURRENT WEEK 05/17/03 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/10/03
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	159,986 (2)	158,275
LT HENS	1,626	1,729
HVY HENS	1,394	1,412
CHECK TOTAL	163,006	161,416

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-May-03 is 158.7 million head compared to 160.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.3 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-May-03 the estimated available is 158.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 05/13/03	194,162	63,223
AM 05/01/03	190,005	62,870
CHG	4,157	353
PCT CHG	2	1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	5/12/03	5/05/03	5/13/02	5/12/03	5/05/03	5/13/02
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	12,030	11,192	21,031	7,624	8,239	3,912
	136	108	353	3,375	3,511	2,452

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 12, 2003

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 5/13/03 LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.60	.80	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	3.00
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.20	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.35	9.25
BROILERS lb.	.60	.70	.67	BROILERS ea.	.75	4.00
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	2.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	2.00	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.65	1.16	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	7.50
GEESE lb.	-	.50	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.35	.45	.41	TURKEYS ea.	4.00	5.25
DUCKS lb.	.70	.95	.83	DUCKS ea.	4.00	13.75
RABBITS lb.	1.40	1.95	1.71	RABBITS ea.	2.25	5.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	9.00	16.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.75
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 146

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 9, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	60.68	134.84	71.91	13.48	13.48	62.92
High	63.37	143.82	80.90	22.47	17.98	62.92
Mostly	62.02	143.82	80.90	17.98	17.98	62.92

**SAN JUAN**

Low	58.43	134.84	85.40	22.47	13.48	51.69
High	62.92	143.82	94.38	24.72	15.73	51.69
Mostly	60.68	139.33	89.89	22.47	14.83	51.69

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	60.68	134.84	71.91	13.48	13.48	62.92
High	62.92	143.82	80.90	22.47	17.98	62.92
Mostly	62.02	134.84	76.41	13.48	13.48	62.92

**BECERRA**

Low	59.33	134.84	80.90	20.23	13.48	60.68
High	61.13	143.82	98.88	24.72	17.98	60.68
Mostly	60.23	134.84	85.40	22.47	15.73	60.68

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slowed in typical mid-week fashion, but remained fully sufficient in keeping seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than truckload asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, supplies were generally well balanced to tight and held with confidence.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	53-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.14
NO. OF BOXES	7,929

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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